

# STOP THE MUDSNAIL!

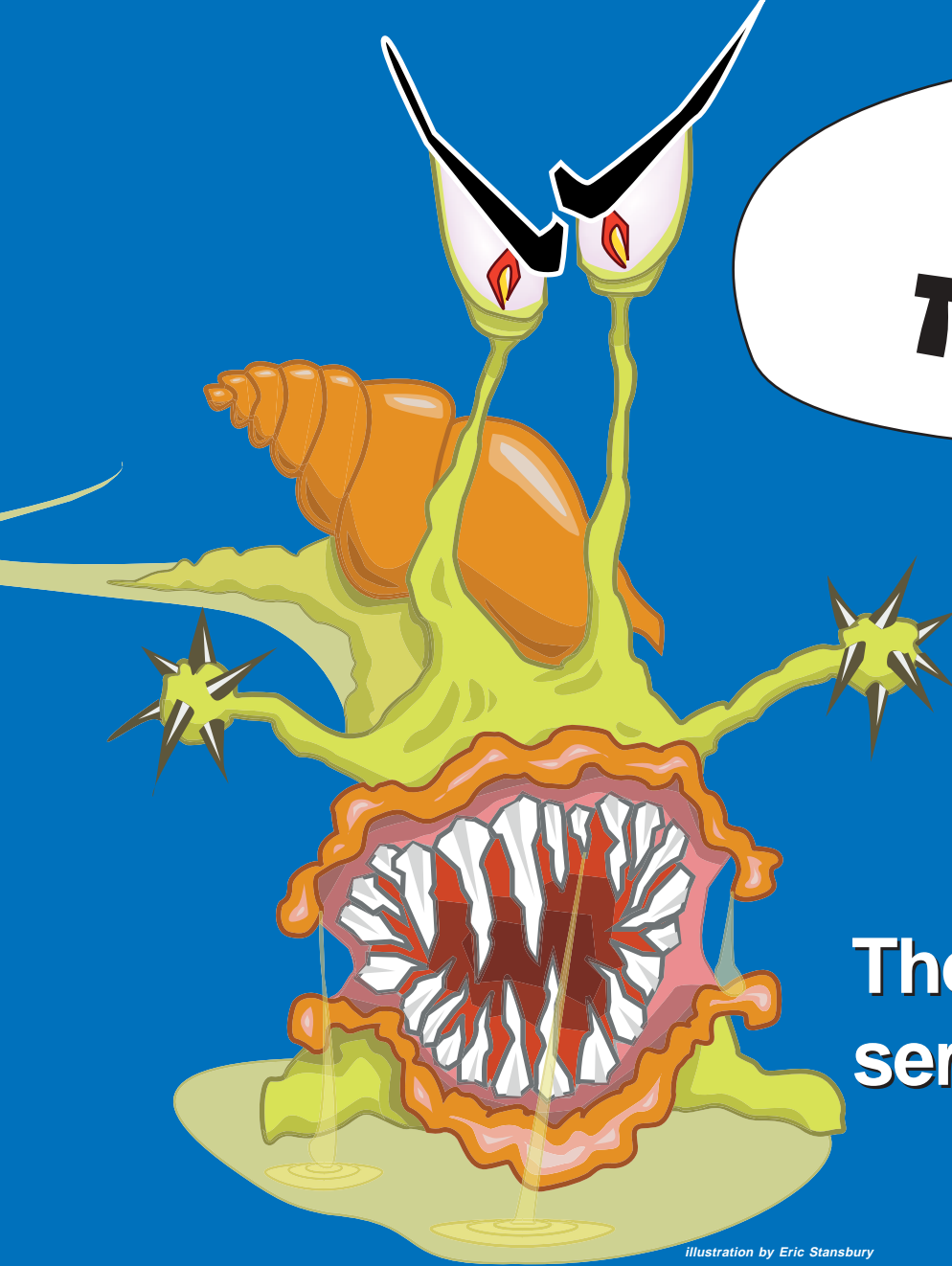


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The New Zealand mudsnail is a serious threat to Idaho's rivers, lakes and streams.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO? ...**You can stop them from spreading.

- ★ Clean all fishing gear and boating equipment after each use.
- ★ Use hot water, if possible.
- ★ Completely dry all gear, in the sun, if possible.
- ★ Never move live fish or plants from one body of water to another.



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**WHAT IS A NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL?...**A New Zealand mudsnail is very small but, given time, it can carpet the bottom of lakes or streams. They have no natural enemies and all it takes is one mudsnail to infect a stream.

**WHY ARE YOU CONCERNED?...**Because New Zealand mudsnails:

- ★ Choke out native snails and insects
- ★ Deprive fish of their main sources of food
- ★ Multiply rapidly
- ★ Damage fisheries and native habitats
- ★ Mudsnails were first detected in the Snake River in 1987 and are spreading rapidly.



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**ONLY YOU CAN STOP NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAILS.**

For more information on New Zealand mudsnails and other invasive species, checkout:

<http://www.esg.montana.edu/aim/mollusca/nzms>

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